

## Fort Belknap College

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Administration

Representative Margarett Campbell Montana State Capitol Helena MT 59620

Dear Representative Campbell:

Please accept this letter of support for the HB 283 which will be presented to the Education Committee on January 22, 2007. Fort Belknap College is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and is ideally located in north central Montana where we provide excellent opportunities for non-beneficiary students to attend a community college with the plan to transfer to a Montana University System institute of higher learning.

Our college provides all accesses to higher learning for non-beneficiary students and only collects tuition and fees from these students; Fort Belknap College does not collect funds from the Federal Government for these students and the State of Montana has funded these students in very limited amounts.

The HB 283 will ensure that Tribal colleges whom provide higher education to non-beneficiary students benefit from State funding.

Please contact me for a detailed conversation at 406-353-2607 and extension 223.

Sincerely,

Carole Falcon-Chandler

President

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